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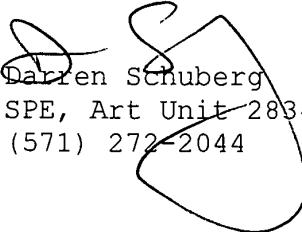
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**RESPONSE TO PETITION TO RECONSIDER REFUSAL TO ENTER
AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Applicants' petition filed 12/29/03 requesting reconsideration of the refusal to enter the after final amendment to the specification filed 10/28/03 has been reviewed and considered. The entry was denied on the grounds that the amendment raised the issue of new matter (see advisory action dated 12/16/03). A review of applicants' petition and the amendment in question has been made. It is found that it is not an inherent property that the sleeve 32 is prevented from rotating by molding the first gate 46. The same is true of the thrust bearing 34 and the second gate 48. For instance, nothing in the drawings inherently prevents the circumferential rotation of the sleeve 32 about the tip 16 of the shaft 10.

Applicants' petition for reconsideration is DENIED and the amendment remains unentered.


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